(ङ) केन्द्र सरकार को कोयले पर उत्पाद शुल्क की प्राप्ति होने के अलावा किसी तरह का राजस्व प्राप्त नहीं होता है, जिसका ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:-

(करोड़ रु० में)

वर्ष	राशि
1991-92 . .	69.63
1992-93 . .	84.34
1993-94 (अनंतिम) . .	95 63

विवरण

वर्ष 1994-95 के लिये अन्वेषण अनंतिक कार्यक्रम

क्र.सं.	राज्य	कोयला क्षेत्र
1	पश्चिम बंगाल	रानीगंज
2	बिहार	रानीगंज
		पचवारा
		झरिया
		नार्थ करनपुरा
		साउथ करनपुरा
		ईस्ट बोकारो
3	मध्य प्रदेश	पेंच-कन्हान
		पायाखेड़ा
		सोहागपुर
		मंडे-रायगढ़
		कोरबा
		सोनहट
		बिसरामपुर
		सिंगरौली
4	महाराष्ट्र	वर्धा वैली
		बन्देर
		कम्पटी
5	उड़ीसा	तालचेर
		ईब घाटी
6	असम	माकुम
7	मेघालय	वेस्ट
		दारंगगिरी

Else in Trade Gap

7350. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade gap of the country had swelled to £ 1.04 billion during March 1994;

(b) if so, what are the main items and quantum of imports and exports during this period;

(c) what are the reasons for the rise in trade gap; and

(d) the corrective steps taken if my, in this matter and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Trade deficit during 1993-94 is lower at US £ 1.04 billion as compared to US £ 3.3 billion during 1992-93.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Change in Export Policy

7351. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change its export policy in view of the overwhelming population which is vegetarian; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Export Import Policy announced on 31-3-92 is effective for five years from 1-4-1992 to 31.3.1997. The objectives and thrust of the current Policy is towards promotion and development of foreign trade, with minimum quantitative restrictions. Regulations wherever stipulated, are because of strategic

considerations, domestic requirements socio-cultural heritage, environmental and ecological reasons. Changes in Policy are carried-out wherever required to further achieve the above objectives in the larger public interest.

Proposal to stop keeping buffer stock of rubber

7352. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELL-APPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a consequence of GATT treaty government have stopped or propose to stop the system of keeping buffer stock of rubber;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to stop declaration of benchmark price for natural rubber;

(d) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the scheme to help rubber farmers when price of rubber falls steeply?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHER-JEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) A Buffer Stocking sche me is in operation since 1986 with a view to ensure remunerative price to the rubber growers and making avail able natural rubber to the user indus try at a reasonable price. This scheme also provides for market intervention by the Government agencies at a ppro-priate time to ensure the above objec tives. There is no proposal to immedia tely withdraw the scheme.

Seminar Organised by ASSOCi AM

7353. SHRI RAMDAS AGAR-WAL: Will the Minister of COMME-RCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ASSOC HAM (Associated Chamber of Com merce and Industry) recently organised a Seminar on "Trade and investment opportunities in southeast Asia', which was inaugurated by the Minister of Commerce as per report Published in the Hindustan Times dated 25th May, 1994;

(b) what are the details of the recommendations made at the above Seminar indicating proposals mooted regarding Indian value addition units in Southeast Asia; and

(c) what were the total imports from these countries to India during 1987-88 in US dollars as against exports from India and figures of 1993-94 of India's exports as against imports from Southeast Asian countries to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED):

(a) Yes, Sir. A Seminar on "Trade and Investment Opportunities in South East Asia" was organised by ASSOCHAM on 24th May, 1994 in New Delhi to discuss the report of ASSOCHAM business mission to Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

(b) Following are some of the major suggestions made in the course of the Seminar to promote trade and investment opportunities with Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia:—

—Holding of commodity specific missions, exhibitions and technical seminars by Indian businessmen to popularise India's products and brand names in Vietnam, besides offering realistic prices and timely delivery of goods.

—Revision of Indian laws to make them more investor friendly.